

WEST MIDDLESEX.

THE BRIBERY BRIGADE!

MORE ENVELOPES.

CRUSHING EXPOSURE.

All Good Citizens, Irrespective of Politics,
Called to the Rescue,

THE HONOR OF THE RIDING AT STAKE.

STRATHROY, December 11th, 1883.

On the afternoon of Saturday last a young man named James Weekes came into the Liberal Committee Room in Strathroy, under the evident impression that he was in Johnston's committee room, as the latter committee room was, at last election, next door. He asked for the papers for polling Division No. 3, Caradoc, and stated that he was the Vice-President of Johnston's Committee for that sub-division. His mistake was at once apparent to those in the committee room, and he was drawn out to make the disclosures given below, and which are on oath to give every assurance of the truthfulness. The parties to the declarations are well-known in West Middlesex, and the disclosures are so explicit that they are unanswerable. The same tactics pursued in Division No. 3, Caradoc, will be adopted in every polling sub-division throughout the Riding. Let all honest men be prepared to answer this attack upon the political morality of the Riding by their votes on the 14th.

The following Sworn Statements need no further explanation:—

IN THE MATTER OF THE WEST MIDDLESEX ELECTION:

I, Edward Rowland, of the Town of Strathroy, in the county of Middlesex, do solemnly declare

1. That on Saturday, the eighth day of December last past about half-past five o'clock in the afternoon a person giving his name as James Weekes, of the Township of Caradoc came into the Liberal Committee room at Strathroy, and asked for the papers of polling sub-division number three of his Township.

2. That the said James Weekes stated that he was vice-president of Johnston's Committee, in said polling sub-division.

3. On being asked how the vote stood in his polling sub-division as between Johnston and Ross he replied: "I have the returns, and it does not look as well as it did last election," and gave it as a reason for the change that a great many were discontented because Arnold had not given them all the money he promised last time.

4. That on being asked how much money he got for his sub-division this time he answered: "I have got one hundred dollars," and took out of his

We, the undersigned, Jas. M. Campbell, Samuel Beswick, and George Gordon, all of the town of Strathroy in the county of Middlesex do solemnly declare that.

1. We were present in the Liberal Committee Room, on Saturday the eighth instant when a person who gave his name as James Weekes, describing himself as Vice President of Johnston's Committee of polling sub-division number 3, Caradoc, came into the Liberal Committee Room and asked for papers referring to his polling sub-division.

2. That we saw the said James Weekes take out of his pocket an envelope which on being opened and contents counted in our presence, was found to contain in five dollar bills one hundred dollars.

3. That we saw the said James Weekes, sign the following receipt.

Received one hundred dollars from A. Johnston's Committee.

(Signed) James Weekes.

4. That we heard the said James Weekes direct that the other hundred dollars for his polling sub-division was to be sent to another person.

5. That we saw the said James

further stated that neither Pearce nor Lindsay spent the money received by them, but that he (Weekes) spent his money, and was thirteen dollars out of pocket, as he brought one vote from Woodstock and three votes from St. Thomas. Weekes also told me that his division would have been all right at the last election but that Arnold (meaning the president of the West Middlesex Conservative Association) came and made promises which were not carried out; he Weekes, however, added that "we have fixed that now." I was informed by the said James Weekes that he is the President of his division in Caradoc; he also mentioned the parties in his division whom he calculated would get the money, and that at a meeting to be held at Mt. Brydges on Monday evening, the parties would be fixed. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Act passed in the thirty-seventh year of her Majesty's reign entitled "An Act for the Suppression of Voluntary and Extra Judicial Oaths."

(Signed)

D. JAMES COX.

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4. That on being asked how much money he got for his sub-division this time he answered: "I have got one hundred dollars," and took out of his pocket an envelope which he said contained that amount.

5. That on the said envelope being opened by the undersigned, in the presence of the said James Weekes, James Campbell, Samuel Beswick and George Gordon, and contents examined, it was found to contain twenty five-dollar bank bills.

6. That after counting the said money it was returned to the said James Weekes.

7. That after returning the said money to the said Weekes the remark was made, "The bank burst by neglecting to take receipts for all the moneys paid for election purposes last election," and the said James Weekes was then asked to sign a receipt, which he did as follows:—

Received one hundred dollars from A. Johnston's Committee.

(Signed) JAMES WEEKES.

8. That on being asked where he got the money, he said, "it was delivered to me in a bed-room in Roach's Hotel, Strathroy, in this way: One McLean handed the envelope to a stranger, whose name I was not to know, and by that stranger the envelope was handed to me."

9. That on being asked the names of the persons he intended to bribe, he gave the following list:—

ARCHIE MURPHY.
JOHN MURPHY.
NELSON VROOMAN.
THE BANCROFTS.
D. BERRY.
— BIDNELL.
— CHAMBERLAIN.
ANGUS GRAVES.
ROBY MCFEE.

and others.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of an Act passed in the thirty seventh year of Her Majesty's reign intituled, "An Act for the Suppression of Voluntary and Extra Judicial Oaths.

E. ROWLAND.

Declared before me at the Town of Strathroy in the County of Middlesex this tenth day of December A. D. 1883.

E. W. SCATCHERD.

A Commissioner &c.,

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4. That we heard the said James Weekes direct that the other hundred dollars for his polling sub-division was to be sent to another person.

5. That we saw the said James Weekes, return the money into his pocket after being counted.

And we make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of an act passed in the thirty seventh year of Her Majesty's reign intituled "An Act for the Suppression of Voluntary and Extra Judicial Oaths.

J. W. CAMPBELL.

S. BESWICK.

GEORGE GORDON.

Declared before me at the Town of Strathroy in the County of Middlesex this tenth day of December A. D. 1883.

E. W. SCATCHERD.

A Commissioner &c.,

IN THE MATTER OF THE ELECTION OF A MEMBER TO REPRESENT THE RIDING OF WEST MIDDLESEX:

I, James Cox, of the Town of Strathroy, in the County of Middlesex, butcher, do solemnly declare I was in the Township of Caradoc early on Monday morning, the 10th day of December, instant, buying cattle, and knowing the particulars given by James Weekes at Reform Committee room in Strathroy on Saturday last, I called on Weekes at his home in Caradoc, to learn something further about the matter. I saw the said Weekes, and we talked about the coming election; I said to him that I understood he got some money from Mr. Johnston's Committee, he told me that he had received one hundred dollars, and turned it over to Innes, saying that Innes was a good Conservative whom he could trust; that he (Innes) was a man who attended no committee meetings, and would not attend any, and that he was one of the easy-going men, whom nobody would suspect. Weekes told me that at the last election he received seventy five dollars from Johnston's Committee-room; that he gave to Thomas Pearce, of Mount Brydges, twenty-five dollars, to Harry Lindsay, of Mount Brydges, twenty-five dollars, and used the remaining twenty-five dollars himself; that Pearce was not satisfied with the twenty-five dollars he received, and went to the said Committee-room and got twenty-five dollars more from Keefer. Weekes

evening, the parties would be fixed. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Act passed in the thirty-seventh year of her Majesty's reign intituled "An Act for the Suppression of Voluntary and Extra Judicial Oaths."

(Signed) D. JAMES COX.

Declared before me at the town of Strathroy in the County of Middlesex this tenth day of December A. D. 1883.

JAMES NOBLE, J. P.

Police Magistrate.

Electors of West Middlesex.

The work of corrupting your constituency has already begun. Mr. Johnston's agents are at work. The above affidavit contains the proof of what is attempted in one polling sub-division. What answer will you make to the men who degrade themselves by offering a bribe, and who would degrade you if they could prevail upon you to accept one. This is no longer a party question. We know that the Conservatives of West Middlesex are opposed to bribery. We therefore call upon them to rise in their might and stamp out such rascality as the above affidavits disclose. No honest man should support a candidate who would allow such men as McLean to remain in the Riding one day. It is known that McLean is in Mr. Johnston's confidence. He is seen with him in Strathroy. Mr. Johnston cannot be ignorant of what is going on. You must hold him responsible for what these men do, and your votes on the 14th should show that you have no sympathy with such practices.

WARNING.

A Vigilance Committee is at work in every municipality, and warning is hereby given that the power conferred by the Controverted Elections Law of Ontario will be used in punishing all offences against the Act. The following are the penalties which follow an act of bribery:—

The party bribing is liable,

1. To be disfranchised.

2. To a penalty of \$200.

3. To pay the expenses of the election trial, as was done in the recent Johnston trial.

4. To one or two years' imprisonment, as guilty of a misdemeanor at common law.

The party accepting a bribe is liable,

1. To be disfranchised.

2. To a penalty of \$200.

3. To a fine and imprisonment, as guilty of misdemeanor at common law

Vote for Ross and Cameron, and put down shameless corruption.